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1. RADIO NIAMEY CAME ON AIR AT 1015 LOCAL WITH ANNOUNCEMENT
BY DEFENSE MINISTER IDRISSE AROUNA IN NAME OF SUPREME MILITARY
COUNCIL (CMS) SAYING THAT AT 0530 THIS MORNING
SMALL ELEMENT OF ARMY LED BY CAPTAIN BAYERE MOUSSA, CAPTAIN
SIDI MOHAMED (RPIEF OF CABINET, MINISTRY OSIDEFENSE) AND
AHMED MOUDOUR (HEAD OF UNTN) HAD ATTEMPTED TO MOVE AGAINST
GOVERNMENT. THANKS TO AY, GENDARMERIE AND REPUBLICAN
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GUARD, SITUATION NOW IN HAND. PLOTTERS UNDER ARREST.

CMS APPEALED TO POPULATION TO REMAIN CALM.

2. NO MENTION OF WUNTCHE IN CMS ANNOUNCEMENT.

3. DESPITE FOREGOING, IT STILL UNCERTAIN THAT
SITUATION RESOLVED. THERE HAS BEEN SPORADIC SHOOTING
IN SEVERAL LOCATIONS AROUND TOWN SINCE EARLY MORNING,
APPARENTLY CENTERED AROUND MILITARY CAMPS. AREA AROUND
KOUNTCHE'S RESIDENCE REMAINS UNDER HEAVY MILITARY GUARD.
THERE WAS ANOTHER ROUND OF HEAVY FIRING ABOUT 0900.
PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEER AT NIAMEY HOSPITAL REPORTS LARGE
NUMBER WOUNDED.

4. IN DOWNTOWN NIAMEY SOME MARKETS AND STORES ARE NOW

OPEN. SCHOOLS ARE CLOSED. MILITARY VEHICLES
AND ARMED TROOPS CIRCULATING IN CITY. ARRESTS OF
CIVILIANS ARE APPARENTLY CONTINUING. NO REPORTS OF ANY
INJURIES TO FOREIGN COMMUNITY. WE ASKING AMERICANS,
INCLUDING PEACE CORPS, TO STAY CLOSE TO HOME UNTIL
THERE ARE CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT THINGS ARE BACK TO NORMAL.
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